

Crime Statistics

Category	2015	2016	2017
Part 1 Violent Crime Totals (UCR)	500	601	646
Part 1 Property Crime Totals (UCR)	6,077	6,404	6,715
Murder	8	9	11
Rape/Attempted Rape	57	49	33
Robbery	132	140	156
Aggravated Assault	304	403	446
Burglary	848	891	785
Larceny Theft	4,298	4,542	4,656
Motor Vehicle Theft	915	956	1,262
Priority 1 Calls For Service Totals	10,807	11,697	12,546
Drug Arrests	1,516	1,697	1,300
Traffic Accidents (Property Damage Only)	1,415	1,294	1,333
Traffic Accidents (Fatality/Injury)	11 / 827	11 / 821	12 / 850
DWI Arrests (City/State)	260 / 71	260 / 85	236 / 70

From 2016 -2017:

Priority 1 Calls

↑ +7.26%

Violent Crime*

↑ +7.49%

Property Crime*

↑ +4.86%

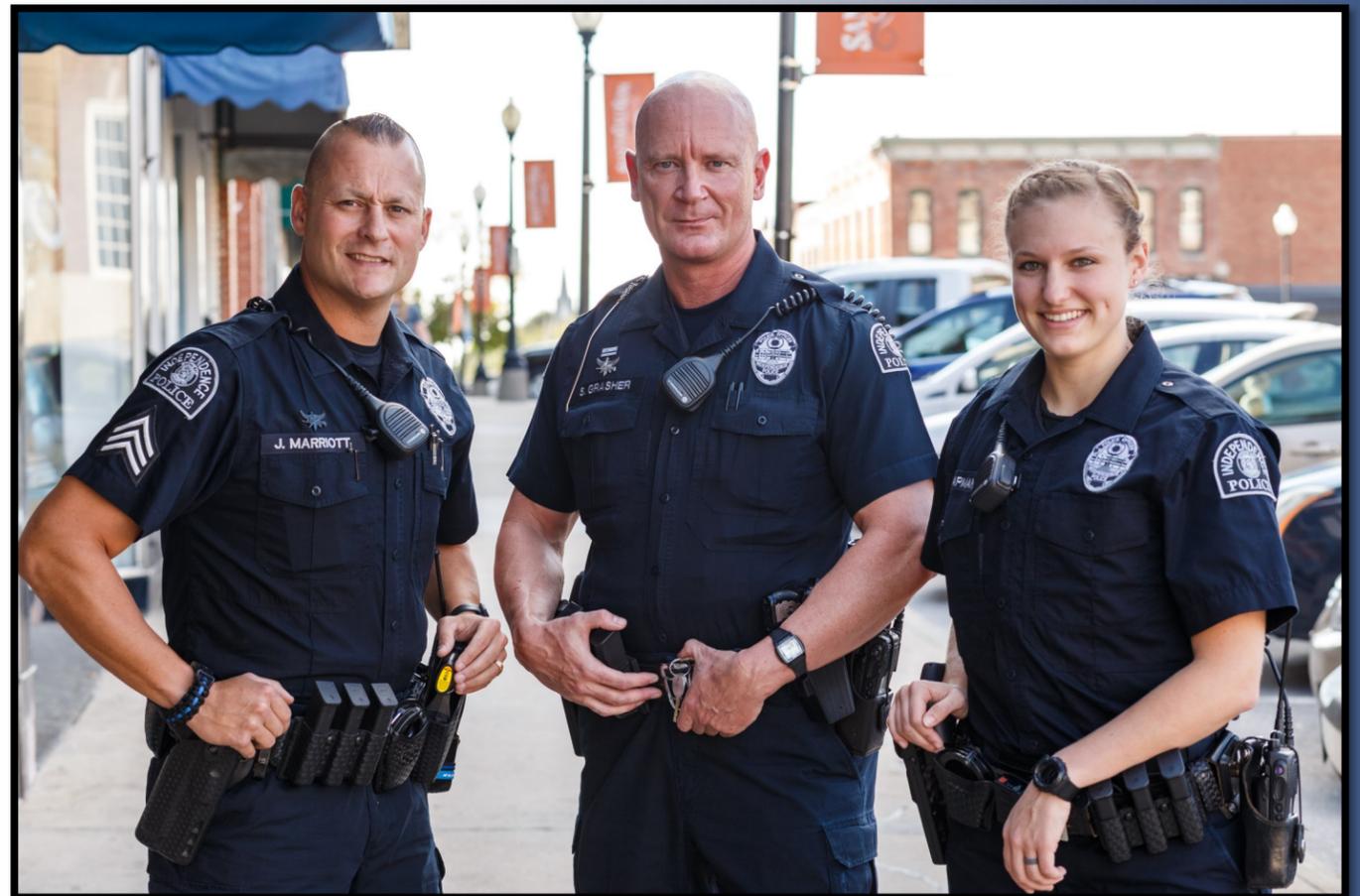
*Part 1 UCR



2017 Annual Report

The Mission of the Independence Police Department is

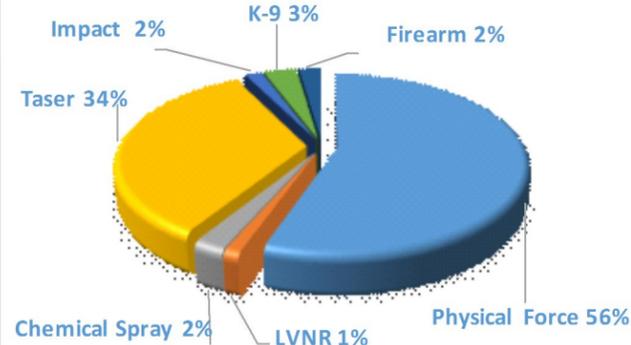
- to protect life, individual liberty and property of all people within the City of Independence;
- to lower crime and disorder in the community;
- to develop and maintain positive relationships with members of the community and
- to foster a positive work environment for police employees.



RESPONSE TO FORCE INCIDENTS

- There were **116** response to force incidents.
- There were **10,566** total bookings in the IPD detention unit. Therefore, **1.09%** of bookings resulted in a response to force.
- This is a **0.87%** increase in incidents from 2016.
- **22** officers sustained injuries during these incidents.
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ACTION TAKEN BY OFFICERS



A Hero's Homecoming

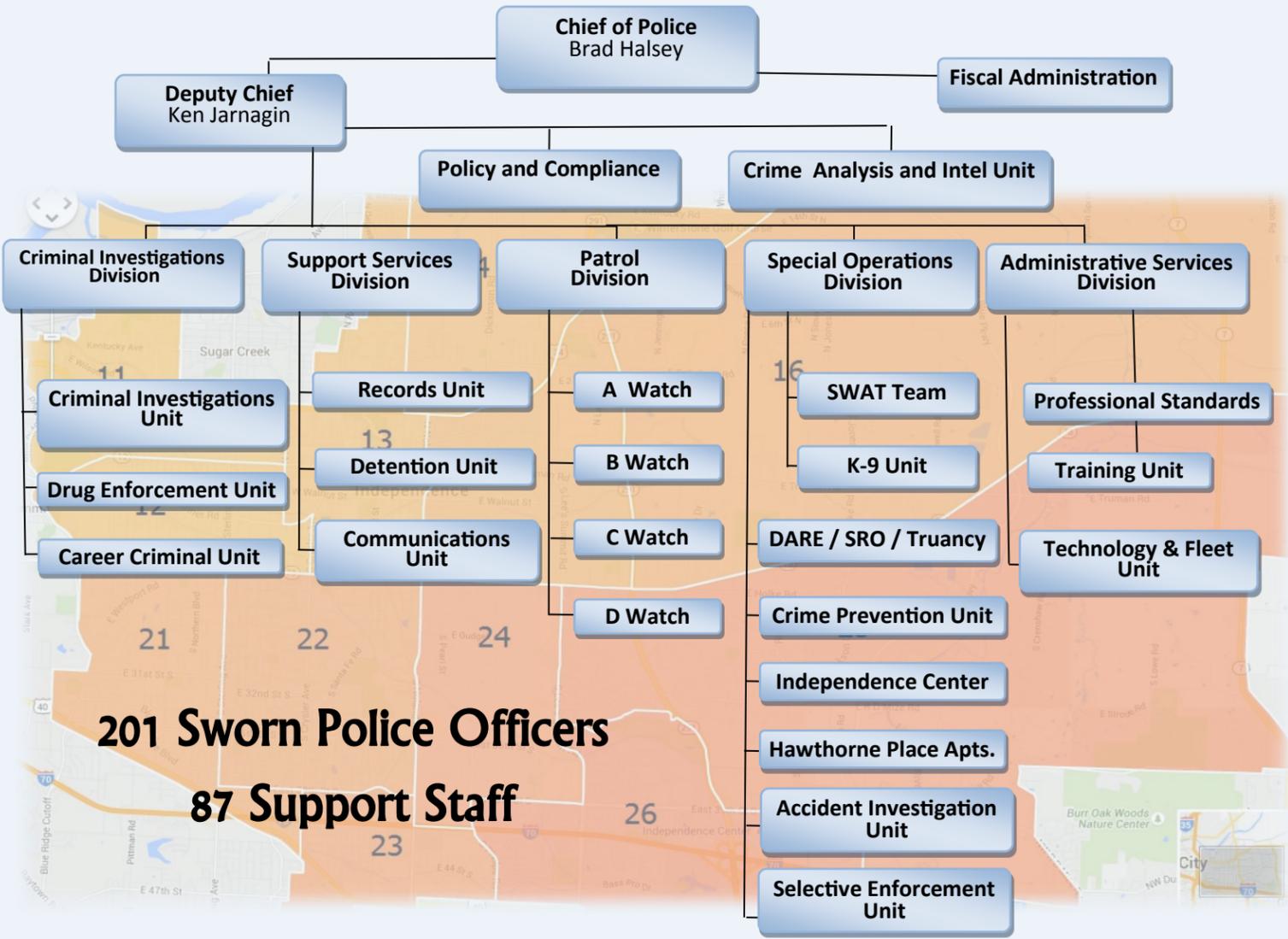
On the morning of March 29, 2017, police officers were dispatched to a home on a residential burglary in progress. Officers were told that multiple armed suspects were inside the home and that they had tied up and were assaulting a victim inside. During the call for service, the suspects got into a vehicle in the garage and crashed through the garage doors in an effort to flee, placing officers in immediate danger. At this point, shots were fired and Officer Tom Wagstaff was struck in the head causing him to suffer a life-threatening injury.

During his recovery thus far, Officer Tom Wagstaff has far exceeded the expectations of all of those around him including the medical professionals, who described his recovery as nothing short of a miracle. Officer Wagstaff was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal and the Purple Heart for his actions that day, the injury he sustained and for the strength, courage and determination during his recovery. A welcome home celebration and ceremony were both held in his honor. The outpour of support and donations from the community for Officer Wagstaff was amazing and will be well remembered for many years to come.



In order to accomplish this mission, IPD utilizes an strategic process called CORE (Crime Overview Response and Evaluation). CORE is a focused policing process based on accurate and timely intelligence, the use of effective and creative tactics and strategies and the rapid deployment of resources, followed by constant follow up and assessment.

Integrity. Service. Character.



201 Sworn Police Officers
87 Support Staff

Patrol

The Patrol Division is the backbone of police operations. Patrol officers respond to calls for service 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In 2017, patrol officers responded to almost 60,000 calls for service and completed over 17,000 reports. There were an average of 16 calls for service, per day, per officer. The average response time for Priority 1 calls for service was 8 minutes and 29 seconds. This was a 16 second increase from 2016.

Patrol officers have become more involved with online Action Center complaints by personally addressing citizen concerns in their patrol districts. They have also been very active in Pre-CORE meetings by bringing information to and from their watches and increasing contacts and arrests of CORE offenders.

Investigations

In 2017, detectives in the Criminal Investigations Unit were assigned 2,867 cases. The average cases during the year assigned per detective was 159. The CIU worked a total of 18 homicide investigations in 2017, including four fatal officer-involved-shootings and one homicide that was completed by the KCPD. The clearance rate in these homicide investigations was 100%.

IPD had a total of 1,566 drug arrests in 2017. 641 drug cases and 252 drug complaint reports were assigned to or handled by the DEU (Drug Enforcement Unit). The DEU recognized the increase in danger of accidental opioid/fentanyl exposures to police personnel and after conducting research, they procured Narcan/Naloxone for the police department.

From September through December, the DEU and CCU (Career Criminal Unit) teamed up with the SWAT team to target priority offenders who were involved in various violent acts within the city. These investigations were successful and continued into 2018. In 2017, the CCU made 25 arrests of CORE offenders, 29 federal arrests, 86 state arrests and 211 city level arrests.

Awards & Recognition

Lifesaving Awards:

Detention Supervisor Tracey Schmidli,
 P.O. Paul Campbell,
 P.O. Braden Duckworth,
 D.O. Tammy Crane, D.O. Josh Habermehl,
 D.O. Kelly Shockley,
 P.O. Dustin Stewart, P.O. Rick Romero,
 P.O. Maggie Chapman, P.O. Ian Storey,
 P.O. Jason Cundiff, P.O. Ed Wisdom
 P.O. Shaun Warren, P.O. Cameron Ault



Distinguished Service Medal:

P.O. Dustin Rapp, P.O. Darren Spade
 P.O. Tom Wagstaff



Purple Heart:

P.O. Tom Wagstaff

Meritorious Service Award:

P.O. Jeff Nunn,
 P.O. Ronny Baltzer,
 Det. Bobby Brady,
 Capt. Adam Dustman,
 Det. Virgil Garner,
 Reserve P.O. Dennis Green,
 P.O. Luis Virgil
 Det. Wendi Winans.
 Det. Brian Draveling,
 Sgt. Steven McVay



IPD CIT Officers of the Year:

Officer Jack Taylor
 Officer Desiree Abraham



MADD Award:

Officer JT Hand
 Officer Jeff Buck

City of Independence

Employee of the Month:

Officer Prince Seiuli—July 2017

MARC—Everyday Hero Award

Communications Supervisor David Tucker



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Support Services

Detention

10,566
Persons booked in
the IPD detention
facility

1,659
Detainees housed
at off-site jail
facilities

Records

70,734
Desk reports and
customer assistance
to the public

102,911
Telephone inquires
handled

35,605
City and state
warrants issued

Dispatch

151,302
Calls for service
dispatched

145,608
Total 911 calls

204,657
Non-Emergency and
administrative calls

239
Text to 911 calls



In October, we broke ground on a new Communications Center that will replace the dispatch center at Police Headquarters. It is scheduled to be operational in 2018.



Giving Back..

IPD raised **\$2,730** during **No-Shave November** donated the funds to a local cancer charitable organization, Ross' Foundation. Another **\$2,347** was raised in December and donated to our "Shop with a Cop" event. In January, IPD personnel donated hygiene supplies and donated them to the Community Services League.



Special Operations

The **Traffic Safety Unit** issued 27,839 citations in Independence in 2017.

The Accident Investigation Unit and the Selective Enforcement Unit officers, along with other departmental personnel, conducted two DWI Checkpoints along with additional Wolf Packs and Saturation Patrols at various locations throughout the city. These efforts resulted in:

- 146 DWI Arrests
- 72 drug arrests
- 3,465 Other Traffic Violations
- 933 Warrant and Other Arrests

School Resource Officers, DARE and Truancy Officers taught a total of 12,259 students during 828 DARE classes. They had 7,189 calls for service in the schools and did 204 classroom presentations. There were 355 business liquor compliance checks resulting in 32 violations (91% compliance rate). The Youth Alcohol grant from MODOT increased from \$7,000 to \$33,920 during 2017.

The **SWAT** team was activated 44 times in 2017. They conducted 30 search warrants and 561 residence checks. They were sent to 14 barricade calls.

The part-time **Bomb Squad** was called out 19 times in 2017 and did two outside agency assists.

Officer assigned to the **Independence Center** handled 1,037 calls for service, took 669 police reports and recovered \$96,416 worth of stolen merchandise for the businesses at the Center and along 39th Street. They also handled 1,148 Disorderly House cases, which involve landlords and homeowners who fail to abate ongoing illegal activity that result in repeat calls for service

Officer assigned to the **Hawthorn Place Apartments** handled 427 calls for service and took 180 police reports. They assisted staff with 1,311 background checks and 37 evictions.

IPD's **VIPS (Volunteers In Police Service)** volunteered 2,845 hours and participated in over 20 special events for the benefit of our community.



The **K9 Unit** handled 707 canine calls for service and 29 call-outs. They conducted school sweeps for four different school districts, held 26 demonstrations and made 806 arrests. They also assisted other police units with shoplifting sweeps, knock and talks and search warrants.

